

# NEW PEACE FEELERS PLANNED

## Red Broadcast's "No" Accepted As Official COUP D'ETAT RUMOUR

Nanking, January 6.

Mr. Shen Chang-huan, Director of the Government Information Office, today said the Central Government does not deem the Communist broadcast last night as either a formal or informal reply to its peace offer.

### Reds Resume Attacks

Nanking, January 6.  
After a lull of nearly two weeks in which they attempted to starve out General Tu Yu-ming's army groups South West of Haichow, Communist forces have resumed attacks on the tightly encircled troops, according to reports reaching Nanking.

These reports said the Reds started shelling Tu Yu-ming's defence perimeter from two sides after vocal barrages from their loudspeakers failed to persuade the National commanders of the main forces to surrender.

At the same time, the independent Nanking People's Daily said General Sun Yuan-ling, Commander of the 10th Army Group under Tu Yu-ming, reached Honan's temporary capital Haining on January 4 after passing through the Communist lines in disguise.—Associated Press.

### Capital Of HK Firms Published

Between 1948 and 1948 Hong Kong had at least 781 private and public companies, aggregating a total capital of HK\$2,082,880,375, according to the latest published statistics by Government.

In 1945, the earliest year on official records, there were only two companies with total capital of HK\$17,290,000.

The largest capital figures on record were in 1946 with only one company with a capital of HK\$50,000,000, and in 1948 with one HK\$50,000,000 capitalised company.

The highest capital figures on record were in the month of August 1946 when the Colony's companies numbered 183 with a total capital of HK\$488,741,718, as compared with 115 companies in the first six months of 1948 with a total capital of HK\$33,016,856.

Hong Kong today has two companies, each with a capital of more than HK\$100,000,000; seven, each with a capital of between HK\$50,000,000 and HK\$100,000,000; eight, each with a capital of between HK\$25,000,000 and HK\$40,000,000; 30, each with a capital of between HK\$10,000,000 and HK\$24,000,000; 41, each with a capital of between HK\$5,000,000 and HK\$4,000,000; 207, each with a capital of between HK\$1,000,000 and HK\$84,000,000; 132, each with a capital of between HK\$500,000 to HK\$900,000; 257, each with a capital of between HK\$100,000 and HK\$500,000; 37, each with a capital of between HK\$30,000 and HK\$90,000; 28, each with a capital of between HK\$10,000 and HK\$40,000; 12, each with a capital less than HK\$10,000; and 20 companies, each with a capital officially described as "nil."

However, it is known that Nationalist policy makers, without saying it, are taking the broadcast as reflecting the Communist official attitude.

These policy makers, including the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, General Chang Chun and General Chang Chih-chung, began a busy round of discussions this morning on measures to prevail upon the Communists to change their attitude.

Director Shen said officially that the Government's position now is that it has not received any formal reply from the Communists. He pointed out the Communist broadcast, in which President Chiang Kai-shek's peace offer was, rejected in most insolent terms, represents only the comments of a Communist reporter.

Mr. Shen, in answer to another question, said so far as he knows, the government has not authorised any official to make a formal approach to the Big Four or any of the Big Four for mediation in the civil war.

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The Informant said General Pai, General Chang Chun and General Chang Chien, commanders at Hankow, Honan and Chongqing, respectively, sent separate cables to President Chiang, urging him to talk peace with the Communists and to resign if peace can be realised.

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The Informant said General Pai, General Chen Chen, Governor of Hankow, and the Inner Mongolian Prince, Tch Wang, were quoted by press reports as saying that peace was virtually impossible because of Communist stubbornness.

Peiping reports said General Fu Tsao-yl, North China Commander, General Ma Hung-kuo, Ninghsia commander, also were mentioned by some quarters here as among the generals displaying polite intransigence.

The latest actions taken by General Pai to further his objectives were reliably ascertained as follows:

(1) He ordered his troops, which were stationed last month in the Peiping front, to return to the Hankow area.

(2) He moved some of his units from Hankow to South of the Yangtze River.

(3) He detained for his own use many shipments of arms which the Generalissimo ordered from Szechuan to the Peiping front. These arms were accumulated in Szechuan Province during the war.—United Press.

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### U.S. Atomic Laboratory Taking Precautions

Upton, New York, January 5.  
The Atomic Energy Commission is taking steps to insure there is no radioactive contamination of the air or water near one of its nuclear research centers, Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The Laboratory announces that approximately 50 test wells will be dug around Brookhaven, on Long Island, about 50 miles East of New York, to make sure that certain dangerous radioactive materials do not enter the ground to be carried off by underground streams.

Air tests are also being made to insure that radioactive particles are not carried by the wind. The purpose of the wells apparently is to make certain that drinking water is not contaminated, and underground streams do not carry away radioactive materials which may become concentrated underground.

"We can assure the public that radiation from Brookhaven will at no time be harmful to people in the towns near us," he added. "Radioactive materials, if not properly handled, are dangerous, but in recent years scientists have learned safety precautions which must be taken to handle these materials without harm to themselves or the communities in which they live."—United Press.

### PICTURE OF THE DAY Antarctic Survey Base



This Marguerite Bay base of the Falkland Islands expedition is the nearest to that in which two members of the expedition recently lost their lives. The two men, Lieutenant Oliver Burd, R.N., aged 24, meteorologist of Hoy Lane House, Scarborough, Yorkshire, and Mr. Michael Green, aged 22, General Assistant of Bootham, Yorkshire, are reported to have died when their hut was burnt down. The survey of the Falkland Islands began in December 1943, when a party under W. S. Marr, R.N.V.R., left Britain for the dependencies. (AP Photo.)

### ss. Wusueh Carries ECA Shipment Of Medicines To Canton

(Picture on Page 2)  
American relief medical supplies, valued at about US\$1,500,000, are now en route to Canton aboard the ss. Wusueh, which left last night, to be distributed to the various provinces of South China.

This is the first major distribution by the Economic Co-operation Administration, in accordance with allocations made in Shanghai for private and public hospitals and health agencies in Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan, Fukien, Kweichow and Formosa. Mr. Henry T. Samson, Director of the United States ECA, South China Regional Office, Canton, told the "China Mail".

The consignment consists of 16,000 cases of surgical instruments, drugs, medical apparatus, medical dressings and medicines, totalling about 2,000 tons. The loading of these supplies into the British river steamer began early this week.

The Wusueh has been specially diverted from her usual Macao-Hong Kong run to carry the much-needed cargo. She will return to her run after this trip, Butterfield and Swire reported.

On their arrival at Canton, the authorities there will have to await instructions from Shanghai for the distribution.

Mr. W. Wahab, a member of the ECA, SCRO, Canton, is accompanying the supplies.

For the past three or four months, ECA has been funnelling relief supplies through Canton to the South China region in minor shipments. The supplies have been arriving here gradually since last April, 1948, from the United States.

Means of transporting the supplies to the provinces have not been decided yet; it was reported, it will be a local matter and to be decided upon by the local authorities concerned.

In the meantime, the International Relief Committee at Canton will take over the delivery there.

Plans have been drawn up, Mr. Samson told the "China Mail" yesterday, to form a medical panel for the South China region.

### TITO STRENGTHENS FRONTIERS

Athens, January 6.  
Press reports from Koszani said today that Marshal Tito was moving his troops and reinforcing his garrisons along the Albanian, Bulgarian and Rumanian borders.

The reports said Yugoslav officials explained this action was taken to counteract similar reinforcements undertaken by their neighbours as well as to prevent the escape abroad of Cominform supporters.

### TAXI COMPANIES START NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN

As the result of official pressure, the taxicab companies reopened negotiations with their striking drivers at the Cafe de Chine, China Building, yesterday afternoon.

The conference was arranged by Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, the Commissioner of Labour, who presided. He was assisted by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfayden, Deputy Commissioner, and Major H. F. C. Chauvin, Labour Officer.

Points in dispute were discussed and suggestions from both sides were considered. Though no settlement was reached, it is understood some headway has been made.

### Hold That Tiger!

Inevitably, as has been the case every winter, farmers have found footprints of a tiger in their paddy fields at Bhatin.

According to a report from the New Territories, unconfirmed by the police, farmers found large footprints resembling those of a tiger, in fields near the seven-and-a-half-mile post on Wednesday.

On previous occasions, discovery of such footprints usually followed reports of the disappearance of pigs and other domestic animals.

This winter, however, no animal belonging to the villagers in the Bhatin area has yet disappeared.

### Ulster Chiefs In London For Talks

London, January 6.  
Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, arrived here today for talks with British Cabinet leaders on the constitutional complications caused by Eire's Republic of Ireland Act, which severes Eire's last link with the British Crown.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Major L. E. Curran, Northern Ireland Attorney-General, who with Mr. Edmund Warde, Home Minister, and Major J. M. Sinclair, Finance Minister, both already here, will take part in a one-day round-table conference on the problem.

Sir Basil Brooke declined to make any comment about the meeting.

Prime Minister Attlee will preside at the conference. With him will be Mr. James Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Joshi, and Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary.

Sir Basil Brooke was expected to ask that the British Government give legal effect to its pledge that the constitution of Northern Ireland shall not be changed without the consent of its own Parliament.—Reuter.

### Rice Dispute Causes Delay Of CKR Trains

Unsponsored demands for more rice were responsible for the disruption of the Canton-Kowloon railway service on Wednesday night.

More than 1,000 railway workers at the Canton terminus of the railway squatted on the tracks shortly after 5 p.m., holding up all outward bound trains from the Kwangtung capital.

Hurried conferences between the workers' representatives and the railway authorities resulted in a temporary settlement at 1 a.m. yesterday afternoon, when the Kowloon-bound train left the station.

The workers have agreed to return to work and to give the Chinese authorities five days to consider the demands.

Wednesday's last express train from Canton did not reach Kowloon until 7 a.m. yesterday—without a single passenger. They had all left on foot. The upward service from Kowloon, not affected, operated normally yesterday.

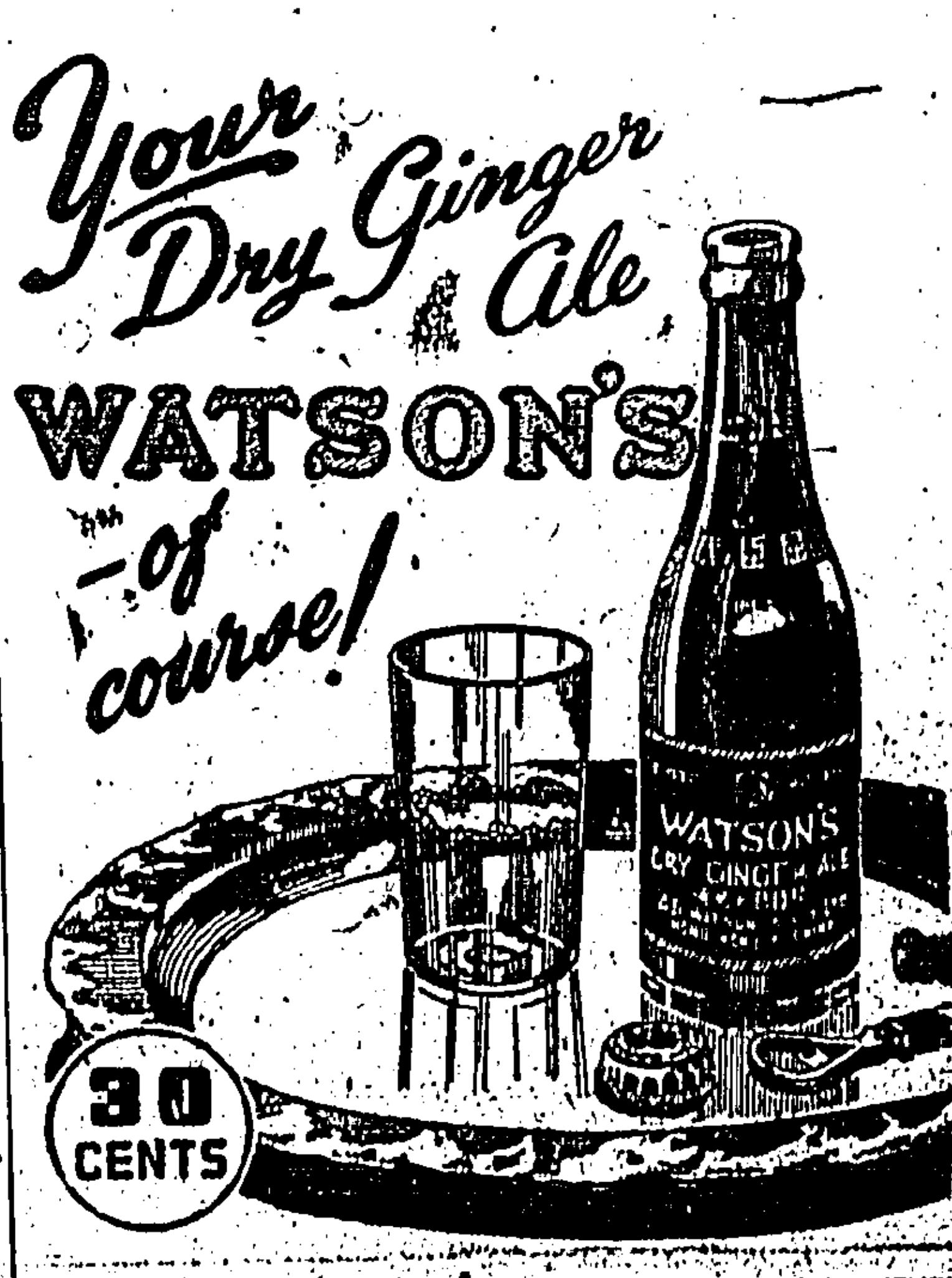
The sit-down strike by Canton's railway workers resulted from demands for a larger rice ration and additional daily necessities.

#### Other Essentials

They wanted the monthly ration of one picul of rice to be increased to four piculs. They also demanded rations of other essentials such as edible oil, salt sugar, and fuel.

It was claimed yesterday in Canton that the demands were made more than a month ago but that the authorities shovelled the workers' petition.

The approaching Chinese New Year is said to have been the



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## Plaintiff Wins Action In Warranty Breach Case

At the Supreme Court yesterday, Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), gave judgment for \$19,400 and costs in favour of the plaintiff in an action for damages for breach of warranty of title.

It was alleged that the defendant had, during the Japanese Occupation, claimed that he had authority to sell a house, No. 315 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, belonging to Choy Chuen-kam, to the plaintiff, when in fact he had no such authority.

The plaintiff was Mrs. Lee Yu-kei, of No. 3 Upper Lusit Row, represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. S. Ford of Messrs. Ford, Kwan, and Company.

Mr. Peter Chen, instructed by Mr. A. of Arculli, represented the defendant, Yau Siu-yuet alias Lau Po-sheuk of No. 64 Queen's Road Central, Ground Floor.

In the course of his judgment, Sir Leslie Gibson said—

"It is common ground that in May 1940 (some four months before the end of the Japanese Occupation), the defendant consulted a local solicitor, Mr. Peter Sim, and handed him power of attorney purporting to have been executed in China in the presence of the head of the local Council by Choy Chuen-kam in favour of the defendant, authorising defendant to sell the house in question. He also gave the solicitor the title deed.

### Negotiations For Sale

The defendant, the plaintiff, the defendant and defendant were parties to the negotiations and the defendant, Mr. Sheldon, instructed the parties throughout all negotiations and advised them on each point. He told the parties that the power of attorney was in order and that he would have it registered at the Japanese House Registration Office. He also advised the defendant that there was no harm in his meanwhile accepting a deposit from the proposed purchaser.

He then drew up an agreement for the sale of the house and on July 18, 1945, it was signed by the plaintiff's husband as his attorney and by the defendant as the attorney of Choy Chuen-kam. On the signing of the agreement, plaintiff paid deposit of 20,000 Japanese Military Yen to Mr. Sim in accordance with the agreement.

Subsequently, it appears that the power of attorney was, to some extent, not accepted by the Japanese House Registration Office. Following the non-acceptance of the power of attorney by the Japanese House Registration Office, the defendant apparently wished to retitle the bargain, had the solicitor advised the parties that an assignment of the property should be executed and that the balance of the purchase money—133,000 Japanese Military Yen—should be paid by the plaintiff to him.

The balance of the purchase money was actually paid on July 21, 1945, and it is alleged in the statement of claim and not traversed by the defendant, that the assignment was executed on July 27, 1945. Presumably, it was in fact executed on July 21, 1945, when the balance of the purchase money was paid. It was not dated.

### After Recognition

The solicitor told the parties that, after the Japanese had recognised the transaction, he would pay over the deposit and purchase money to the defendant. Another alleged power of attorney was later produced but apparently, before any further action could be taken at the Japanese House Registration Office, the Japanese Military Occupation came to an end.

In fact, both the powers of attorney were forged and the defendant had no authority to sell the property at all. In the course of the cross-examination of the defendant, the circumstances in which the powers of attorney came to be given to him were explored but, although these circumstances are not above suspicion, there is no allegation of fraud against the defendant and it must be assumed, for the purposes of this case, that he did not know the powers of attorney were forged at any material time. Equally, there is no allegation of fraud against the plaintiff and she must be taken to have been similarly ignorant of the forgeries.

"There is no evidence that the plaintiff took any further action in the matter until nearly two years after the re-occupation of Hong Kong, when her solicitors informed Choy Chuen-kam of the purported sale of the property to her. It had apparently come to the plaintiff's knowledge that Choy Chuen-kam had resold the property towards the end of 1946. "Replying to this letter on October 4, 1947, Choy Chuen-kam's solicitors informed plaintiff's

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St. George's Ball are requested to note the following  
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- Entrance to the Peninsula Hotel is by the main door only.
- Admittance to the Ball is by ticket only and these MUST be presented on entering. Tickets cannot be obtained at the door and no signatures will be accepted.
- There will be a late service of Star Ferries from Kowloon at 1.30 a.m., 2.00 a.m., and 2.30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The first supper will be served at 11.00 p.m. and Members and Guests are particularly requested to ascertain beforehand from the Notice Boards the tables which have been reserved for them. Members and Guests for whom reservations have been made in the first sitting should proceed to their tables immediately after the Lancers.

PEAT, MARWICK,  
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Hong Kong, January 6, 1949.

## NOTICE

As from the 1st February,  
Mr. G. T. Palmer will be in  
charge of our Building Supplies  
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## TENDERS

Tenders are invited for the  
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Tools applicable to general  
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Applications for Form of  
Tender and permission to view  
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C.E.In-C. Department,  
H.M. Dockyard,  
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not later than Monday,  
10th January, 1949.

NOTICE TO MARINERS  
NO. 3 OF 1949

## HONG KONG WATERS

## Western Approaches

Establishment of Mark buoy  
for Radio Direction Finding  
Calibration Range

Position.—Lat. 22 deg. 15'  
30" N. (approx.); Long. 114  
deg. 00' 00" E. (approx.).

Details.—Mark buoy painted  
black and white horizontal  
stripes.

Remarks.—Mark buoy laid  
January 4, 1949. Previous  
Notice to Mariners No. 30 of  
1948 refers.

Charts affected.—1180, 1460,  
3429, 1982.

Authority.—Marine Department,  
Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,  
Hong Kong, January 5, 1949.

## NOTICE

## HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

## Medical Department

## REMINDER

As of October 1, 1948, I,  
H. F. Shields, have taken into  
partnership N. J. Whelton,  
L.D.S., R.C.S., Eng., and we  
will continue to practise  
dentistry at the former address,  
Rooms 211/215 (Telephone  
27447), Gloucester Building,  
between the partnership name of  
"Shields & Whelton".

As from January 3, 1949, we  
will also maintain an office in  
Kowloon at No. 1, Salisbury  
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H. F. SHIELDS,  
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Dated December 30, 1948.

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Y. Y. CHAN, Secretary.

1. NEWTON,  
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January 3, 1949.

2. G. T. PALMER,  
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## KLONDIKE KATE BACK IN TOWN

For those who like Westerners and associated clear-cut dramas, with no nonsense about this new-fangled psychology or any other form of subtlety or art, there is a tasty dish coming to the King's this week. It is "River Lady", an invigorating entertainment as you could want—provided you have a book or something handy with which to while away the dull moments.

You have seen it all before a dozen times. There is the bold, bad husky sort of Klondike Kate, with some of the rougher edges filed off. She is the River Lady and is ably played in sultry way by Yvonne de Carlo.

There is, to provide that sense of balance which is so essential in these stories, the pious-in-their-drivensnow maiden, innocent to the point of vacuity. She is handled by Helena Carter, who manages to be fairly interesting in spite of it all.

Then there is, of course, the centrepiece of the triangle, the hero in homespun, bit as an ox and just as smart, Red Cameron is the blue-eyed boy and a more ruggedly honest and God-fear ing character you never did see. East, West, North or South of wherever it is that the action in this film takes place.

Don Dufresne is decent on the east, too. He has got a sufficient debonair and villainous appearance to warrant a star part in one of the Frankenstein series. It may be a little unattractive but one cannot help him that he has been cast just there.

The exact number of the plot are too numerous to remain in anyone's memory for more than a minute but you will recognize the general structure immediately. The River Lady wants a lifetime lease on the rugged, once affectionate. She is getting along nicely towards this end till the pure maiden hits into the framework.

Seeing her plans begin to go on the skids the sultry one works out a spot of strategy which would undoubtedly fool a child of eight months. Needless to say it works very well with our Honest John until the pure one loses a little of her terrifying tenderness long enough to throw a spanner in the works.

In the end, naturally, everything pans out to fall into line.



Rod Cameron provides action

with the basic principles laid down in "Eric, or Little By Little".

Quite incidentally, the scene this time is in the hills, the meadows and there is a large number of trees in the film. Some of these appear there time topping up with cards with a slightly cracked and whimpish to the accompaniment of muffled sheet from the hero's (Red's) pocket, others are occupied in shooting the chute down a hillside into the river, making a very satisfactory splash when they hit the water, a fact which apparently became an obsession with the cameraman.

The film, but it merely proves one more that, like any actor, it cannot make a silk purse from a sow's ear. Still, maybe you have enough talk purses anyway. (Continued)

### He Was Here

On each movie which David Niven makes is stamped the indelible mark, "Trubshawe was here."

Trubshawe and Niven are inseparable companions as Jimmy Durante and Umbridge, or Frank Fay and Harvey.

Like all friends, Trubshawe sometimes can be a worry. Niven sits glumly in his dressing room for days, for instance, when he was making Warner Bros. "A Kiss in the Dark."

"It's Trubshawe trouble," he explained. "Sounds like a disease and in its way it is."

Niven said Trubshawe was his best friend, godfather to his eldest son and good luck to his career. He's appeared in all Niven's American pictures, and the actor was puzzling every how to work him into this one.

Niven met Trubshawe, as many another soldier met Kilkenny, in the army.

"We've been friends since 1925 when we met in the Highland Light Infantry in Malta," Niven said. "What a chip he is, too. Six foot six, chinless and possessor of the most formidable moustache ever grown. Keeps a small pub in Sussex, England."

If ever there were any doubt about Van Johnson's ability to act, it is dispelled in this show.

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## CRUSADE IN EUROPE

## Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe



South: At the same time we had to thrust toward the Northeast with great strength. In this way we would, incidentally, quickly clear the area from which the V-1 and V-2 bombs had been consistently bombing Southern England. But the principal object was the early capture of Antwerp, with a line to the Eastward thereof that would protect us in the use of that great port.

All this conformed to original plans except that the prospect of a speedy, instead of a fighting, advance promised early use of the ports farther North and lessened our dependence upon the Brittany ports. But the problem remaining to be determined was whether or not our supply system, handicapped as it had been through all the first seven weeks of the battle, could support our movements up to and including the accomplishment of these purposes.

All units were certainly going to be short of supply. The task was to allot deficits so as to avoid stopping troops before they had accomplished their main objectives, and this in turn meant that no formation could get one pound of supply over and above that needed for basic missions.

When action is proceeding as rapidly as it did across France during the hectic days of late August and early September, every commander from division upward becomes obsessed with the idea that with only a few more tons of supply he could rush right on and win the war. This is the spirit that wins wars and is always to be encouraged. Initiative, confidence, and boldness are among the most admirable traits of the good combat leader. As we dashed across France and Belgium each commander, therefore, begged and demanded priority over all others and it was, unfortunately, that in front of each were opportunities for quick exploitation that made those demands completely logical.

In the later summer days of 1944 it was known to us that the German still had disposable resources within his own country. Any idea of attempting to thrust forward a small force, bridge the Rhine, and continue on into the heart of Germany was completely fantastic. Even had such a force been able to start with a total of ten or a dozen divisions—and it is certain more could have been supported even temporarily—the attacking column would have gradually grown smaller as it dropped off units to protect its flanks and would have ended up facing insuperable defeat. Such an attempt would have played into the hands of the enemy.

The more the entire situation was studied the more it became clear that the plan arrived at through weeks and months of earnest study was still applicable, even though the immediate conditions under which it would be executed did not conform to the detailed possibilities we had projected into the operation. Consequently—I decided that we would thrust forward on our right to a point of junction with General Devers' forces, which we believed would be in the region of Dijon, while on the left Montgomery would be ordered to push forward as rapidly as possible, to make certain of securing a line that would adequately cover Antwerp. Bradley directed Hodges' First Army to advance abreast of the British formations, roughly in the general direction of Aachen, so as to make certain of success on our left.

We hoped that this Northeastward thrust would go so rapidly and that the collapse of the German would be so great that we might even gain, before the inevitable halt came about, a bridgehead over the Rhine which would immediately threaten the Ruhr.

It was under this general plan that the battling of the succeeding weeks took place.

While affairs on the front of the Twelfth and Twenty-first Army Groups were proceeding in such satisfactory fashion, Lieutenant General Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army was achieving remarkable results in the South of France. At the conference of Allied war leaders at Téheran, in late 1943, the Western Allies had informed Generalissimo Stalin that a secondary movement into the South of France would be an integral part of our invasion across the Channel to establish the second front in Europe. However, in early 1944 the Allies were waging one campaign in Italy and were planning for the great adventure of Overlord. During all the first half of 1944, therefore, it was impossible for General Wilson, commanding in the Mediterranean, to secure estimates of what might be available for the Dragoon attack.

My decision in January that the Overlord attack must be carried out on a front of five divisions had made it impossible to launch the Dragoon attack simultaneously with the Overlord landing, as had been originally planned. A vast amount of study and telegraphic correspondence subsequently developed between the Combined Chiefs of Staff, General Wilson, and my headquarters concerning the wisdom of persisting in the plan. From the beginning I had been an ardent advocate of this secondary attack and never in all the long period of discussion would I agree to its elimination from our plans. In this position I was supported by General Marshall.

All these arguments and discussions were now definitely things of the past and we were assured that very shortly there would be a force, to be constituted as General Devers' Sixth Army Group, of at least ten American and French divisions in Southern France, driving northward to join us and that these would be followed quickly by reinforcing divisions from the United States. There was no development of that period which added more decisively to our advantages or aided us more in accomplishing the final and complete defeat of the German forces than did this secondary attack coming up the Rhone Valley.

Because of the distance of General Patch's troops from my headquarters and the lack of communications, it had been arranged that General Wilson was to retain operational control of that force until it was possible for me to establish the machinery for command. This date we estimated as September 15. However, from the beginning all battle fronts in France really became one, and all plans, both tactical and logistical, were devised upon the assumption that soon the whole would constitute one continuous order of battle. This we wanted to bring about quickly, and with the conclusion of the fighting on the Seine at the end of August, Bradley ordered Patton's Third Army to rush Eastward with a primary mission of linking up quickly with the Seventh Army to form a continuous front.

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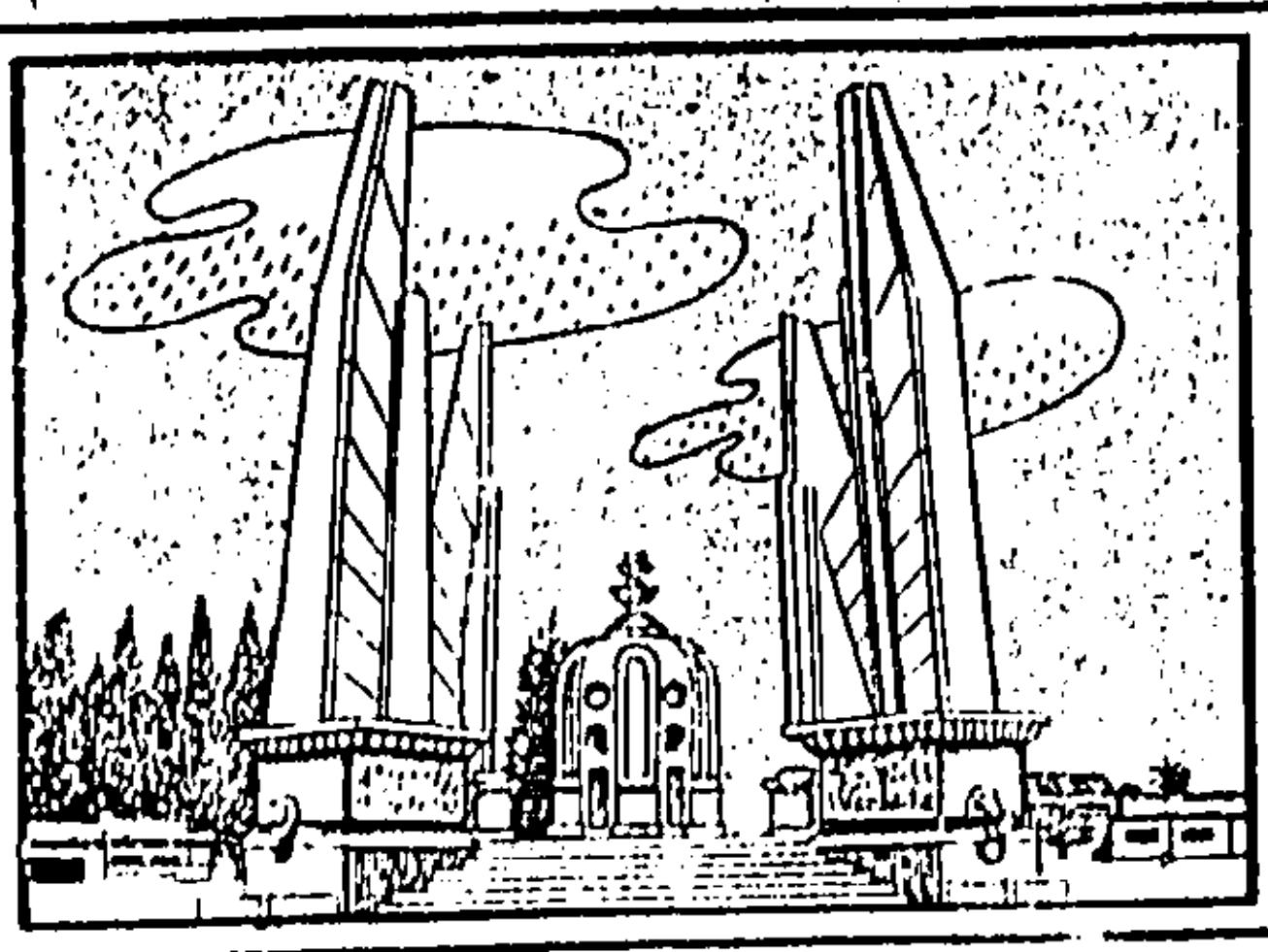
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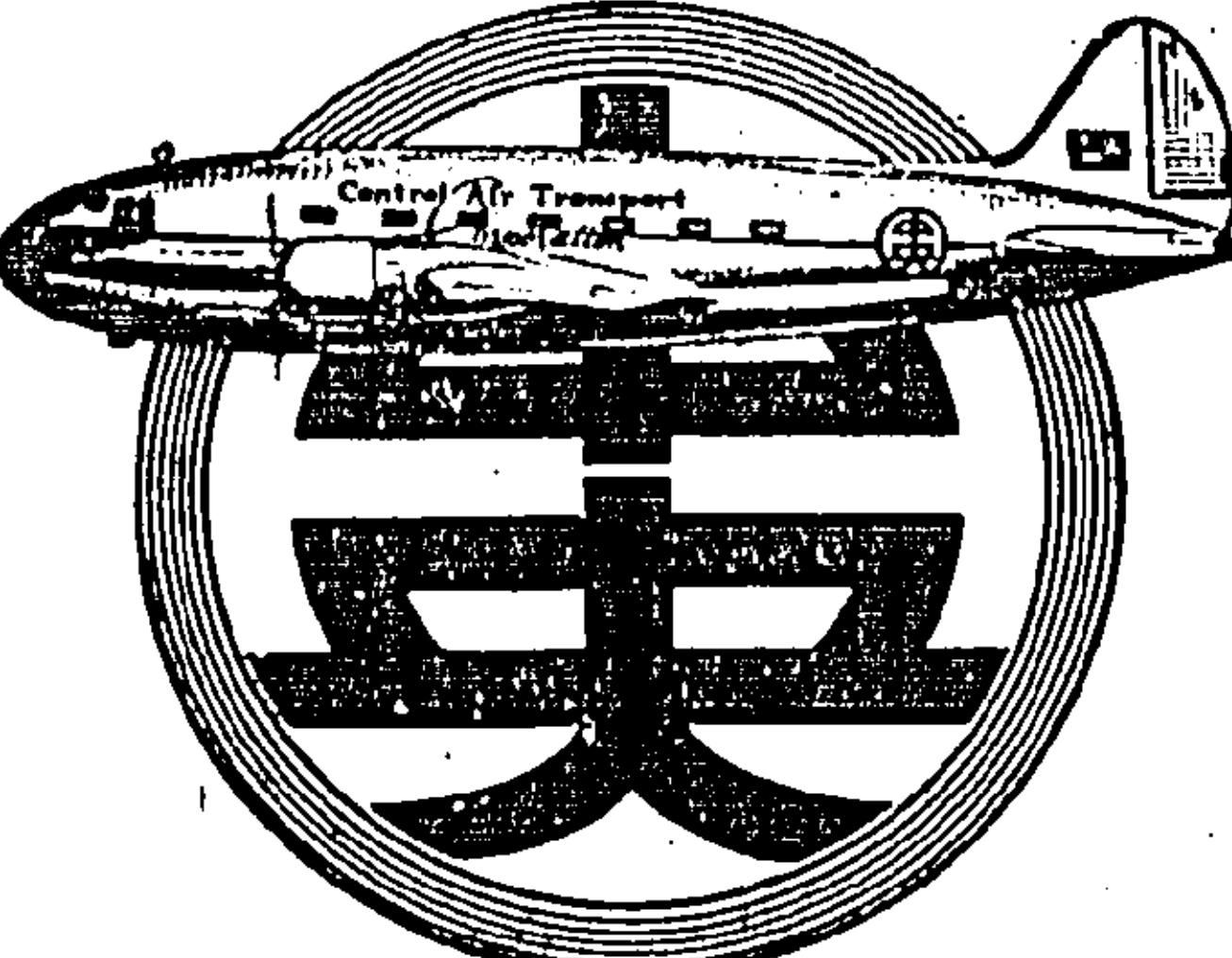
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## BIRTH

THOMPSON—At Kowloon Hospital, on January 3, 1949, to Dorrie, wife of B. W. Thompson, a daughter.

## SOCIAL WELFARE

There is, of course, no real answer to Father Ryan's penetrative analysis of what is wrong with the social structure of Hong Kong. At least, there could not be were this Colony situated in any other part of the globe than the China coast, and so close that to talk, as did the YMCA Debating Group the same evening, of restricting the immigration of Chinese seeking refuge, is to close all eyes to the realities. Give us the benefits of being a self-contained community, free to admit or exclude those useful as citizens, or unwanted, as the case might be, and Father Ryan's appeal would be irresistible.

These meager facilities could not support us indefinitely and there was bound to be a line somewhere in the direction of Germany where we would be halted, if not by the action of the enemy, then because our supply lines had been strained to their elastic limit.

A reinforced division, in active

operations, consumes from 800 to

700 tons of supplies per day.

When battling in a fixed position, most of this tonnage is represented in ammunition, on the march the bulk is devoted to gasoline and lubricants called, in the language of the supply officer, POL.

With thirty-six divisions in action we were faced with the problem of delivering from beaches and ports to the front lines some 20,000 tons of supplies every day.

Our spearheads, moreover, were moving swiftly, frequently

seventy-five miles per day. The supply service had to catch these with loaded trucks. Every mile of advance doubled the difficulty because the supply truck had always to make a two-way run to the beaches and back, in order to deliver another load to the marching troops. Other thousands of tons had to go into advanced airfields for construction and subsequent maintenance. Still additional amounts were required for repair of bridges and roads, for which heavy equipment was necessary.

During the days that we were roped off in the beachhead we could not foresee the exact re-action of the enemy following upon us.

From this attitude of mind, or closing of the mind, Father Ryan's lecture was designed to shake us, and it will have achieved its purpose if it accomplishes no more than to compel us, (meaning the community and the government) to a re-examination of our approach and our consciences.

Frankly, and Father Ryan spoke

frankly enough, we would

say that there was too much

missing in his exposition of

the requirements.

Nothing was said, of any moment,

about the cost of the programme.

No hint was given of the method by which this

Colony would deal with the

bugbear which appears im-

mediately any suggestion is

made of extending social

welfare commitments—the

certainty of a heavy influx

of Chinese from the hinter-

land, and too willing to par-

take in their benefits.

Father Ryan would doubtless

dismiss this instinctive re-

sistance as representing the

mentality of 50 years ago,

but he too, in his analysis

dealt with what he called the

theoretical and the practical.

Theoretically, all possessed

with a social conscience must

agree wholehearted with

everything that Father Ryan

urged. Practically, they

must compromise and do the

best they can under existing

conditions.

## Right of Entry

A statement from the

Public Relations Office yes-

terday warned the public to

guard against persons pre-

tending to be Government

representatives, pointing out

that residents have the right

to demand identification

and specific information has been

laid. Even here, production

of the general warrant can

be demanded.

There must be no doubt

in the minds of law-abiding

citizens as to their right of

locking their doors against

anyone, unless the official can

produce written authority.

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# "FIGHT TO VERY END"

## Communists Spurn Chiang Overtures For Peace

### "COMPLETE DESTRUCTION" OF NATIONALIST REGIME

## HUNDREDS LOST IN BLIZZARD

New York, January 5. The worse blizzard of the winter is abating over the Western United States today. Heavy snow with high winds, sweeping the Dakotas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Utah, and Idaho, marooned thousands of trains and motorists.

Snow drifts stopped eight Union Pacific passenger trains.

Business and traffic is at a standstill in many small villages and travel in most areas is virtually impossible. Planes are grounded, schools closed, communications disrupted, factories idle.

Only two deaths are attributed to the storm.

The Chicago, North Western Railway today cancelled all passenger service to points on the Union Pacific Railroad West of Omaha until further notice owing to severe snowstorm conditions in Wyoming. Services to North and North Western points are continuing normally.

Planes resumed operations today but 11 passenger trains and a small train are stalled at Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Although it is presumed they are in farmhouses, hundreds of motorists in Western Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota are unaccounted for.

Agriculture experts say the blizzard has done the winter wheat crop more good than harm because the snow left protective covering against the bitter cold. Ranchers fear heavy livestock losses.—Reuter and United Press.

## Doctor Helpless In Face Of Gale

London, January 5. Dr. Hugh Love, of Patrington, near Hull, stood on a gale-swept beach at the mouth of the Humber within a few yards of his patient but was unable to help him.

His only protection from the gale was a borrowed beret and a soldier's gas cape. His patient was William Belt, aged 47, of Grimsby, one of the crew of 11 of the trawler *Devérion*.

Belt was seriously injured during the gale when caught between two hawsers four days out from Grimsby. The vessel was headed for home at full speed but ran aground.

An SOS for the doctor was sent by hand signal from the trawler, but the local doctor could not be reached as the gate had blown down telephone wires.

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## Chang Lan Says Mao Is Not Pro-Russian

Shanghai, January 5. The China National Aviation Corporation service to Peiping, suspended about three weeks ago, will be resumed from today, according to a CNAC announcement.

Planes, will land at the improvised Temple of Heaven airfield. Thirty-six seater planes of the C-40 type will be used on the flight to Peiping on a one round trip daily basis.

The planes will travel via

Taipei on both outgoing and incoming trips.—Reuter.

## MANILA STRIKE DANGER OVER

Manila, January 6. A strike of more than 1,000 workers, employees of the Manila Electric Company which supplies the Manila area with electric power, has been averted.

The workers threatened to strike due to the Company's dismissal of 20 employees allegedly in violation of the existing agreement. Due to the intervention of the Department of Labour, management and workers finally reached an agreement under which the dismissed men will be reinstated.

The workers belong to the Public Utilities Employees Association.—United Press.

The implication is that if leaders of the Chinese Reds follow

## Marines Get Busy On Packing

Tsingtao, January 6. Despite reports to the contrary, Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger and the American marines under him here are packing and packing fast.

Persistent reports say that the National Shantung University campus, at present used by the Marines as a barracks, is to be evacuated according to schedule on January 25.

General's Move

Meanwhile, reports, lacking

official verification, say that the Government's Central China Commander, General Pai Chung-hsi, has ordered his troops in the Pukow-Pengpu area to return to Hankow for movement to the front.

The reports indicate that

General Pai is dissatisfied with

Generalissimo Chiang's New

Year's statement.

These reports, which pos-

sibly indicate that General Pai

and other members of the

"Kiangsi Province Generals'

clique" are making ready for a

separate settlement with the

Communists, say that General Pai is preparing to move his

main headquarters southward from Hankow.

Since his 12th Army Group

was destroyed by Communist

encirclement South of Sushien, the only important

troop under his command in

this area are the 20th Army.

Not Unexpected

The Red radio's flat rejection

of any peace suggestions from

Nanking was interpreted as locking

the door which had already

been slammed by earlier rejec-

tions.

The declaration, which this

time seems to be pretty final,

is not unexpected on the basis

of earlier broadcasts, first re-

jecting Premier Sun Fo's

"honorable peace" offer and

later in a statement denounc-

ing the peace offensive as in-

spired by American imperi-

alism supported by the British

and French.

As it now stands, about the

sole comfort the Generalissimo

can get from the rejection is the

knowledge that the Communists

now can be held up before the

nation as responsible for con-

tinuing the civil war.

If the broadcast is accepted

by the Government as official,

then the Generalissimo's promise

to continue fighting, plus the

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# BRITAIN SENDS ARMY GARRISON TO AKABA

## Tri-Power Meeting Delayed

London, January 5. Talks between Britain, the United States and France on the occupation statute for Western Germany will start in London on January 17, a Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today.

The talks were to start originally on January 10 but were postponed to enable the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, to discuss outstanding problems with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman.

Two outstanding problems to be settled are:

1. Whether the West German Federal Government or the individual Land Governments are to be responsible for collecting occupation costs.

2. Whether the rulings of the German Supreme Court are to be binding, or to have the force of recommendations only.

Shortly after the occupation statute takes the Consultative Council of the five Western Union powers formed by the five Foreign Ministers will hold its fourth periodical meeting. This will start in London on January 26. —Reuter

## Final Count On Election

Washington, January 5. The total votes cast in the United States presidential election last November was 48,690,075.

This is 9,659 more than previously reported, according to revised official returns from the 48 States announced by the State Department today.

The difference is due to revisions made in the returns of State Boards and some further minor additions.

Here was the way the new total vote was divided:

Mr. Harry S. Truman (Democrat) 24,164,000; Mr. Thomas E. Dewey (Republican) 21,470,986; Mr. J. Strom Thurmond (States Rights) 1,189,168; Mr. Henry Wallace (Progressive) 1,156,893; Mr. Norman Thomas (Socialist) 139,543; Mr. Claude A. Watson (Prohibition) 103,343; Mr. Edward Telchert (Socialist-Labour) 29,240.

The final Electoral College vote was: Mr. Truman 313; Mr. Dewey 189 and Mr. Thurmond 39.

The new totals show a net loss of 806 in Mr. Truman's vote and a net gain of 1,486 for Mr. Dewey. The official figures give Mr. Truman a majority over Mr. Dewey of 2,133,044. —Reuter

## PENSION FOR WILHELMINA

The Hague, January 5. Former Queen Wilhelmina will receive a pension of £28,000 a year under a bill approved by the First Chamber of the Dutch Parliament today. The Second Chamber approved the bill months ago. Only the First Chamber's three Communists opposed the bill. They thought the amount high in the light of Holland's financial position. —United Press.

## Ministers Appeal For Euthanasia

New York, January 5. Protestant and Jewish Ministers of New York State have petitioned for a law to permit voluntary mercy killing under careful safeguards.

It is the largest group of religious leaders publicly to advocate voluntary euthanasia, now punishable as murder in all 48 States of the United States.

The ministers sent a petition to every member of the State Legislature. Some one thousand New York physicians made a similar petition in December 1947.

The Ministers' petition sponsored by the Euthanasia Society of America, declares: "Ending of the physical existence of an individual at his request, when afflicted with an incurable disease which causes extreme suffering, is under proper safeguards, not only medically indicated, but also in accord with the most civilised and humane teachings and the highest concepts and practices of religion."

The Ministers make it clear that they advocate mercy killing only under these careful safeguards:

1. The sufferer must submit a petition signed and attested to by him and agreed to by his physician—requesting euthanasia. —United Press.

British troops are being sent to Akaba, on the Egyptian-Palestine frontier, in the hope that it will deter further invasions of Egypt by Israel. Akaba is a Red Sea port in Transjordan and adjoins territory allotted to Israel under the 1947 United Nations partition plan. Britain does not normally have a garrison in the port. British sources make it plain that Britain considers the Palestine situation very serious, and that if Jewish invasions of Egypt continue, Britain will have to go to the Security Council to raise the question of an arms embargo in the Middle East.

However, a high Government source brands newspaper speculation on an Anglo-Israeli war as dishonest propaganda.

He made the statement after British newspapers had asserted that Britain may soon find itself in a state of virtual war with the Jews.

The pro-Labour "People" on Sunday headed a story "Britain ready to war with Jews" and said that the Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, had bluntly warned the United States Government last week of this.

The Government source says there is absolutely no question of Britain going to war with Israel.

A Foreign Office spokesman told reporters that the Palestine-Egyptian frontier situation continues to be grave.

### Jewish Admission

In Tel Aviv, Israel today officially admitted for the first time that its forces had crossed the Egyptian frontier.

The Jewish spokesman said that a Jewish force recently drove some 60 miles into Egyptian territory.

He said one force had withdrawn but did not disclose whether all Israeli troops had now left Egypt.

The force which penetrated into Egypt, he said, captured several grounded Spitfires when it overran airfields in the El Arish area.

Some of these planes are now flying in the Jewish air force. Airfields, installations, runways and buildings were damaged before the force withdrew, he added.

### Patton Attack

Had the force wished to go further into Egyptian territory there would have been little to stop it, he claimed.

The spokesman explained that the force crossed over into Egypt at Arwadha, the Egyptian frontier post, on the heels of an Egyptian column retreating from Palestine.

He claimed that hundreds of Egyptian casualties were inflicted in what he called a "Patton-like attack" which raised havoc among the Egyptians. His reference was to the late General George Patton, American armored force commander in World War II.

In Cairo, it is claimed that the Egyptians repulsed Jewish attacks in extremely heavy fighting in the Negev Desert.

One Cairo source said: "The situation definitely is in our favour," and added that Egypt will not ask Britain to come to her aid under the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

An Iraq Defense Ministry communiqué in Baghdad says: "Israeli forces have suffered heavy losses" in killed and wounded in heavy fighting which is continuing five kilometers North West of Qalqilya, on the Northern Palestine front.

The Iraqi losses were nine killed and 41 wounded, the communiqué said.

The battle continues to rage in the Ramat Rahavitch sec-

London, January 5. Londoners saw baby Prince Charles for the first time today when, with Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, he left Buckingham Palace today for Sandringham, the King's residence in Norfolk, by car.

The baby, now two months old, was sleeping peacefully in his mother's arms in the back seat of the big black limousine that made the Royal Air Force's wedding present to the Princess.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Queen Mary, are travelling to Sandringham on Saturday by special train. —Reuter.

tor after the Iraqi forces occupied important positions in the Tira area, the communiqué added.

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He told reporters that a settlement is closer now than ever before, despite recent outbreaks.

The United Nations new Palestine Conciliation Commission is expected to meet in the near future, but no date or place has yet been fixed.

### Geneva Meeting

Mr. Lie said he has suggested that the Commission, consisting of Turkey, the United States and France, shall meet in Geneva. Mr. Lie also announced that the United Nations Committee on the Negev will meet at Lake Success on Friday.

He said the Committee may have some information concerning British reports that Jewish troops have occupied two air bases in Egyptian soil.

The Committee is composed of the "Big Five"—the United States, France, the United Kingdom, China and the Soviet Union, plus Cuba and Norway. —United Press, Associated Press and Reuters.

The central issue at stake in a settlement satisfactory to Britain will be the Negev desert.

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The English defence system relies on a chain of bases to which the Royal Air Force can hang on, far removed from city life, until the next conflict.

The geometrical centre of these, the Gibraltar of the Sands, is the Negev. —Reuter.

The drug is popular with medical men in some countries because it is simple to administer and quickly alleviates pain and cough," the report continues.

"On account of its habit-forming power, doctors in many countries have sought and found efficient and comparatively harmless substitutes.

### Doctors Lax

"The Board believes doctors in certain other countries may either be insufficiently acquainted with these results of modern research or else far too lax in regard to the dangerous consequences that may follow the prescription of heroin."

It says the problem is so serious that the Board has referred the matter to the World Health Organisation, whose experts on narcotic drugs are to meet late this month in Geneva.

The Board points out that in 25 countries, including the United States and American-controlled Japan, heroin is not used at all. —United Press.

## Death Sentences Reversed By U.S.

Frankfurt, January 5.

Three Germans sentenced in 1946 to hang, and eight sentenced to life, for taking part in the massacre of American prisoners of war at Malmedy during the Battle of the Bulge have been found not guilty.

The 11 men are still in Landsberg prison although the reversed decision apparently was made early last year. General Lucius Clay, American Military Governor in Germany, approved reversal of the verdicts of the United States War Crimes Tribunal.

In Berlin, General Clay said he had not taken any action in cases since last March. In the Spring, he reviewed cases and commuted a number of death sentences and reduced the prison sentences of several others, he said.

They are: Colonel Christopher Gray Robins, late infantry, as Colonel York and Lancaster Regiment; Vice Major-General George William Symes, who has resigned.

Major-General Colvyn Henry Hughes Villanyi, late Royal Corps of Signals, as Colonel Commandant, Royal Corps of Signals vice Sir Henry Colville Barclay Wemyes, resigned.

Both appointments have effect from January 1. —Reuter.

The memorandum from Washington, dated October 27, 1948, has been received here. It said General Clay approved the findings of the review board that the evidence did not sustain their convictions which is in effect equivalent to a finding of not guilty.

Last March the Army announced that some death sentences and life imprisonment sentences had been disapproved, but final disposition of the cases was not stated.

Colonel James Harbaugh, Judge Advocate General of the Army's European Command, confirmed that 11 men had been acquitted, but he said he thought an announcement was made last March and he also thought the men had been free.

Colonel Harbaugh said the cases of 12 others of 43 Germans originally sentenced to hang for the Malmedy massacre had been referred back to General Clay by the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall, for reconsideration. —United Press.

## Church And State Talks

Budapest, January 5. Further talks between leading Government officials and Hungary's Roman Catholic bishops on relations between the Church and the State will take place at the end of this week.

An official communiqué issued following a short meeting of both sides, says merely that the negotiations opened in an atmosphere of understanding in spite of existing difficulties.

The difficulties apparently referred to the arrest in December 27 of the Primate of Hungary, Cardinal Mindszenty, on charges of treason and the Vatican's rejection a week later of a Hungarian Government request for an understanding with the Holy See. —United Press.

He added: "If the bill for voluntary euthanasia is passed, the next attack will be to see the legalisation of compulsory euthanasia." —United Press.

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## Elections In Israel Of Concern

Paris, January 5.

London is as much concerned as Washington over the first Israeli elections due on January 25, the leading French evening paper, Le Monde, commented today.

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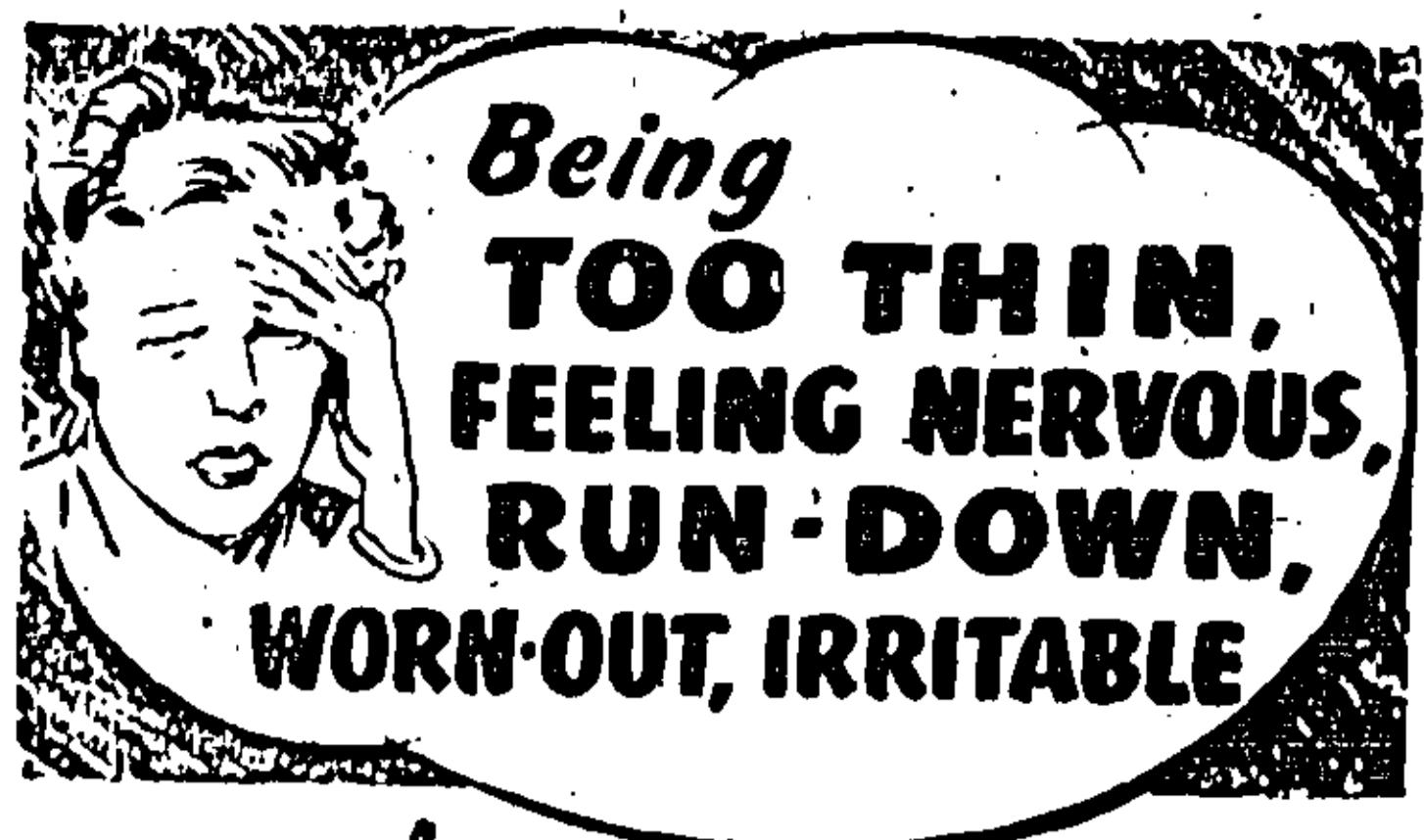
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## Marshall Aid To Cease After 1952

Washington, January 5. The Marshall Plan will not be continued in its present form beyond 1952 despite the estimated heavy dollar deficit of Europe at that stage in its recovery, the Economic Co-operation Administration said today.

Mr. Richard Bissell, special assistant to Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, says that probably some of the participating countries merit further assistance in some form in 1953 but the overall plan will end on schedule.

The Office of European Economic Co-operation have estimated a Western Europe's dollar deficit after 1952 at a minimum of \$1,000 million.

Mr. Bissell said: "I see in the OEEC report no evidence whatever indicating a need of the European Recovery Programme in such beyond the time that has been discussed and assumed.

"The objectives of a comprehensive programme for this large group of nations can, we believe, be accomplished in the time originally set."

He adds that some countries—such as Greece, Austria and Western Germany—may well need further assistance after 1952 but it is impossible to say whether such aid will be forthcoming or in what form it will be granted.

Mr. Bissell says the four-year plan drawn up by the EEC corresponds in important respects to hopes and desires.

"It has crystallised the issues and indicated the direction that national policies must take."

### Some Pessimism

Mr. Bissell says it will not even be assumed that ERP will last for four years. That is up to Congress to decide year by year.

Mr. Bissell says that ECA will begin presenting the coming year's funds to Congress in the last week of January. It will request funds in the general area of the \$4,375 million asked for by the European nations.

The exact figure will be fixed in the next four days or so and will have to be cleared by other Government agencies and approved by President Truman before being made public.

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## Vitriolic Attack By Sir Thomas Beecham

Brighton, January 5. Sir Thomas Beecham, orchestra conductor famed for his vitriolic tongue, lashed out today at men who run opera in Britain.

Speaking at the annual conference here of the Incorporated Society of Musicians he demanded an inquiry into the trust which runs Covent Garden, London's historic opera house.

Evidence should be produced, he declared, of how the vast sum of £100,000 had been spent in one year "with so little to show for it, except the disapproval of almost the whole body of the British press."

He found to take parts in operas selected, he said:

"That was 'one of the symptoms of comparative insularity prevailing in an unfortunate institution."

### The Old Days

In the old days it had been the practice to discover first what vocal resources were available and make the choice of the works accordingly.

"You can have an excellent, delightful National Opera, in which English singers and their cousins from the Dominions can take part, and you need not employ one foreigner," Sir Thomas said.

Sir John Anderson, Chairman of the Covent Garden Opera Trust, tonight replied to Sir Thomas Beecham's criticism, which he said, he had read with surprise and regret.

Replying to the criticisms over the appointment of the Musical Director, Sir John said that the Trustees had the highest admiration for the manner in which Dr. Rankl had addressed himself to his task.—Reuters.

## No Secret Agreement On Ruhr

London, January 5. A Foreign Office spokesman today denied Soviet allegations of secret clauses attached to the six-power agreement on the International Authority for the Ruhr concluded in London last week.

Toss, the official Soviet news agency, had quoted reports that there had been a secret agreement on the rearming of Western Germany, coupled with a clause binding the parties concerned to insist upon the nationalisation of the Ruhr industries.

The Foreign Office spokesman said that no such clauses existed.

He added that the Soviet claim that the establishment of a Ruhr authority was a gross violation of German sovereignty was incompatible with the rearmament of Germany.

He recalled that Russia had

represented on the Ruhr International Authority.—Reuters.

## "Mopping Up" In Indo-China

Saigon, January 5.

Between December 26 and January 3, land, naval and air forces converging on Phu Ly, 37 miles South of Hanoi, successfully continued their mopping up operations despite stubborn resistance by Vietminh forces, French military sources said today.

The Vietminh forces were killed and 50 prisoners, while a mountain cannon, 14 machine guns, 49,000 cartridges, 60 aerial bombs and explosives were captured.

Two grenade-making workshops were destroyed.—Reuters.

## Dramatic Flight From Red Terror

Munich, January 6.

"We fled from constant Communist terror," the pilot of a Hungarian air liner which landed in Germany said last night.

The pilot, James Majoros, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview the dramatic story how he and his plane load of anti-Communist friends engineered their escape from Hungary.

"I had been hiding in the woods but most of our friends were living at their homes. They left quietly, saying goodbye to their relatives in such a way as to make them believe they would return the next day."—Associated Press.

## KLM RESUMES SERVICE

Amsterdam, January 6. KLM, the Royal Dutch airlines, resumed service to Indonesia yesterday.

The service had been interrupted nearly a fortnight during the Dutch military campaign against the Indonesian Republic. India and Pakistan have refused landing privileges to the Dutch, but in Holland no reason was given for the interruption and no information was given out about the route to be taken now. A Constellation took off with three tons of mail but no passengers.—Associated Press.

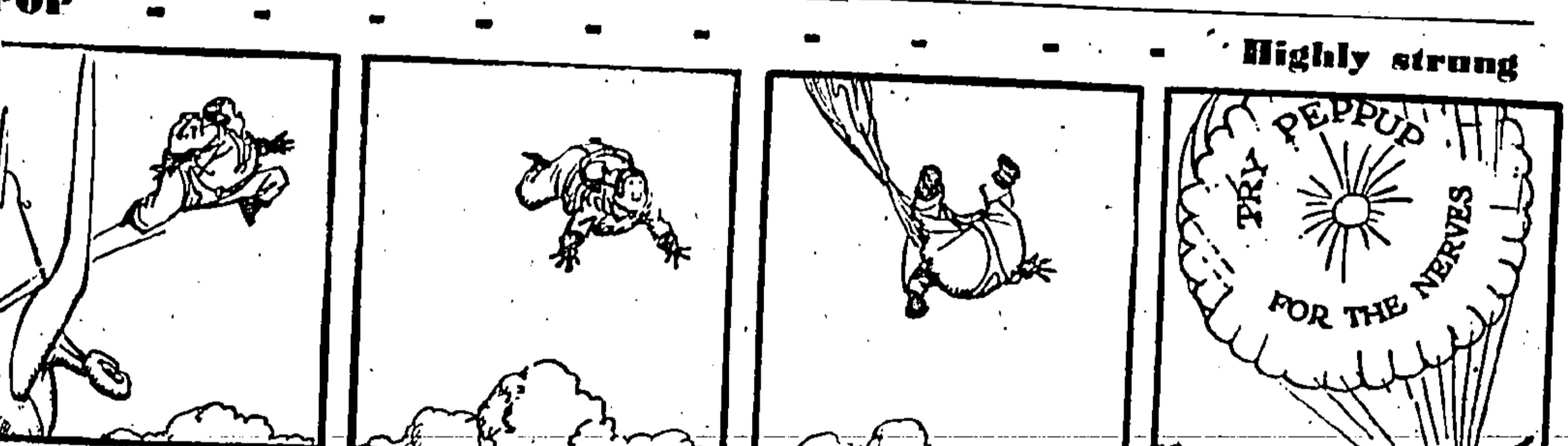
## Symptoms Of Insanity

He asked the Society to "cry out" to the propertous scheme of acquiring Covent Garden as a centre of State-owned opera and urged them to make out a practical scheme of their own to submit to Parliament.

His own speech today would be printed and sent to Members of the Government and Parliament. He said the house is a total loss but Major-General Marquart was able to save some household furnishings. There were no injuries or casualties.

The Covent Garden Administration had apologised for the appearance of so many aliens because British singers could not

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"KWEIYANG"	Swatow, Amoy, Swatow, Szeuen, Singapore, Behain & Penang	10 a.m. 10th Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 10th Jan.
"TSINAN"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia	10 a.m. 10th Jan.
"FOOCHOW"	Amoy, Swatow, Spore, Palembang Sib & Miri	10 a.m. 10th Jan.
"SINKIANG"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 10th Jan.
"PRODUCE"	Takao, Yokohama & Kobe	10 a.m. 10th Jan.
"TOYANO"	Inchon & Pusan	10 a.m. 10th Jan.
"HUNAN"	Nails from Custodian Wharf	10 a.m. 10th Jan.

## ARRIVALS FROM

"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Singapore	8th or 9th Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keeling	7 a.m. 9th Jan.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	9 a.m. 9th Jan.
"KWEIYANG"	Singapore & Hollow	9th Jan.
"SINKIANG"	Borneo, Fuchow & Amoy	10th Jan.
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	29th Jan.

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"SHANSHI"	1st week Feb.

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## Govt Increase In Tobacco Duties

To avoid loss of revenue which may result from the production of the more popular brands of cigarettes locally, Government increased tobacco duties yesterday.

Mr. E. Himsorth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, said that the increase has been the result of a new policy of the major tobacco manufacturers in England.

He added that three of the more popular brands of cigarettes—Players, Captain and Gold Flake—formerly manufactured in England and imported as manufactured cigarettes, are now to be made from raw leaf by local factories.

Mr. Himsorth said that the duty on imported cigarettes imported from England was formerly HK\$1.90 a pound.

In order that locally produced cigarettes should not be placed at a disadvantage in comparison with imported cigarettes, the duty on locally produced cigarettes was increased to HK\$2.25 a pound.

Consequently, he added, it appeared that Government would be able to collect a reasonable revenue if the more popular brands of cigarettes were to be made in Hong Kong from the lower rated raw material instead of being subject to the higher rates covering the importation of manufactured cigarettes.

The duties on locally produced cigarettes including snuff and cigar cuttings remain unchanged.

The increased duty figures, published in a Gazette Extraordinary yesterday, follow:

## UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO

(1) unstripped tobacco containing—(a) 10 per cent or more of moisture by weight; (i) tobacco of Empire origin \$3.55, (ii) other tobacco \$3.75; (b) less than 10 per cent of moisture by weight; (i) tobacco of Empire origin \$3.55, (ii) other tobacco \$3.78.

(2) stripped tobacco containing—(a) 10 per cent or more of moisture by weight: (i) tobacco of Empire origin \$3.70, (ii) other tobacco \$3.90; (b) less than 10 per cent of moisture by weight: (i) tobacco of Empire origin \$3.05, (ii) other tobacco \$4.05.

## MANUFACTURED TOBACCO

(1) Cigars—(i) of Empire origin and manufacture \$4.50, (ii) of Empire manufacture only \$2.50; (iii) other cigars \$7.00.

(2) Cigarettes—(i) of Empire origin and manufacture \$4.70, (ii) of Empire manufacture only \$3.50; (iii) other cigarettes \$6.00.

(3) Other manufactured tobacco including snuff and cigar cuttings—(i) of Empire origin and manufacture \$3.30, (ii) of Empire manufacture only \$3.90; (iii) Chinese prepared tobacco \$3.00; (iv) Other varieties \$4.80.

In his interesting talk at the Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon meeting at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, Captain R. D. Barrett told of the methods of communication down the ages, from the days of savagery down to the present.

The origin of flag signals can be traced back to the man in the post who tied his long cloth on to his spear and waved it in the air to summon help as he perched on top of a tree with a dinosaur waiting impatiently for him to come down and give him a meal to eat.

The first flags used for signals originated in 1617. With 16 flags, 9,000 combinations could be worked out. The system was considerably improved, until in 1853 a code book was published, in which there were two parts, one for British messages and the other for foreign messages.

The present code, Captain Barrett said, was formulated in 1927 at the Washington Conference, and messages can now be sent in seven different languages.

The two visiting Rotarians were Messrs. H. A. Lamont and Konrad C. Hu.

Guests entertained were Messrs. C. Crofton, R. C. Rockridge, J. F. Mortelmans, H. H. Rose, H. E. Shelds, H. M. G. Forsgate, and E. Jolte.

Rear-Admiral Madden Returns To HK

Flying the flag of Rear-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Flag Second in Command, Far East Station, HMS Amethyst arrived here last evening bringing him from Shanghai, where he went for a pre-arranged visit last month.

A group of subordinates, including Commander A. F. Talbot, accompanied Rear Admiral Madden.

The party left the Colony on December 20 with the admiral in HMS London.

Among the naval ship movements, according to the Navy's daily forecast, is the departure of the troopship Dilwara for the United Kingdom today, with service personnel, returning for new assignments or on furlough.

The Dilwara is expected to go into dock on her arrival there for an 18-month peacetime reconversion, when modern facilities will be incorporated.

HMS Amethyst leaves for Singapore on January 13. Visiting the Colony for about a week's sojourn are two American destroyers, Wilts and Hammer, expected to arrive here on January 15. They will depart on January 20. The U.S. submarine Ponferrada is coming on January 22 and will leave on January 23.

The Chinese Consul of the respective cities, Mr. Chen broadcast from Radio Hong Kong (Chinese) recently.

At yesterday's meeting, Mr. T. Y. Mao, member of the Shanghai Y.M.C.A. Men's Club was introduced to the guest, by Mr. Lam Chik-sun, chairman of the local organization. Mr. S. C. Chen was a representative of the public.

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"TJISADANE"	from Macassar & Java ports, 24th Jan.	to Java ports & Macassar, 17th Feb.	

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

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"RUYS"	from South America & South Africa, 17th January.	to South Africa & South America	25th January
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Stock  
Exchange

London, January 5. The market today was rather hesitant with a quietude steady undertone. Some irregularities were seen in oils, with Venezuela now 1/32 easier on the day at 7-1/2 after touching 7-9/16. There was, however, fresh interest in Mexican Eagles and small buying lifted prices to 12/.

Profit taking in Cable and Wireless reduced prices. Many dividend payers were quoted ex-dividend and in illateness inclined to move lower.

Chinese bonds were firm on buying that found the market short of stock.

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